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AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE, APRIL 14 AND 15

FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT
QUOTE

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1. COMMITTEE A ELECTED MR. G. FONTEIJN (NETHERLANDS)
AS ITS VICE-CHAIRMAN. COMMITTEE PROCEEDED TO CONSIDER
AGENDA ITEM 4 - MACHINERY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNA-
TIONAL AIR TRANSPORT FARES AND RATES. BRIEF PRESENTATIONS
WERE MADE OF FOLLOWING WORKING PAPERS: WP/31 (USSR),
WP/7 (IATA), WP'S 11 AND 12 (ECAC), WP/14 (ITA) AND
WP'S 20 AND 23 (WTO). SECRETARIAT THEN PRESENTED WP/19
AND FRP/1 - REPORT OF FIRST MEETING OF PANEL OF EXPERTS
ON MACHINERY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL FARES
AND RATES.

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2. COMMITTEE DECIDED TO CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS
CONTAINED IN PANEL'S REPORT. AS PROPOSED BY KENYA, THE
FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSE WAS ADDED TO RECOMMENDATION
1 BEFORE ACCEPTANCE BY COMMITTEE: "FURTHER RECOMMENDS
THAT THE WORK DESCRIBED IN 1 A) ABOVE SHOULD SEEK TO
DETERMINE THE MAIN CAUSES OF REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN
FARES AND COSTS AND, IF POSSIBLE, MEASURES THAT MIGHT

BE TAKEN TO REDUCE SUCH DIFFERENCES." A LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES, INCLUDING U.S., SPOKE AGAINST PARTICIPATION OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN IATA TRAFFIC-CONFERENCES, SO RECOMMENDATION 2 WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDATION 3 AND 4 WERE APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE. RECOMMENDATION 5 WAS AMENDED BY FRANCE TO READ:

"IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE USERS AND THE PROVIDERS OF AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, ICAO SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SCHEDULED AND NON-SCHEDULED CARRIERS, WHETHER MEMBERS OF IATA OR NOT, FOR COORDINATING TARIFF POLICIES."

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION 6 ON TARIFF ENFORCEMENT WAS POSTPONED. RECOMMENDATION 7 WAS AMENDED TO READ:

"UNILATERAL ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS WHICH MAY HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE CARRIERS' EFFORTS TOWARDS REACHING AGREEMENT ON FARES SHOULD BE AVOIDED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE."

RECOMMENDATION 8 WAS AMENDED BY BRAZIL TO READ:

"INFLUENCE SHOULD BE EXERTED BY ICAO TOWARDS A RADICAL SIMPLIFICATION OF THE FARE STRUCTURE AND TYPES BY IATA."

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(THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FOR ICAO TELLING IATA HOW OFTEN IT SHOULD MEET ON FARES.)

3. AFTER VARIOUS PROPOSALS WERE MADE TO MODIFY RECOMMENDATION 9, IT WAS DECIDED THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE A REDRAFT IN LIGHT OF THE REMARKS. U.S. PROPOSED FOLLOWING NEW LANGUAGE FOR RECOMMENDATION 10, WHICH SUPPORTED BY CANADA:

"ALL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS NOTICE OF TARIFF CHANGES PROPOSED TO BE ESTABLISHED BY INTER-CARRIER AGREEMENTS. INDIVIDUAL CARRIER TARIFFS FILED OUTSIDE THE AGREEMENT FRAMEWORK SHOULD BE FILED CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSTRAINTS PRESCRIBED BY THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND/OR CONSISTENT WITH THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATES CONCERNED."

THIS PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED APRIL 18 ALONG WITH A NEW TEXT TO BE PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT COMBINING RECOMMENDATIONS 10 AND 11, AS SUGGESTED BY BRAZIL.

4. COMMITTEE B ELECTED MR. H. BAQAIN (JORDAN) AS ITS

VICE-CHAIRMAN. COMMITTEE THEN BEGAN ITS CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 2 - POLICY CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL NON-SCHEDULED AIR TRANSPORT. PAPERS WERE INTRODUCED BY FOLLOWING DELEGATIONS: BRAZIL (WP/2), SWITZERLAND (WP/15), NORWAY FOR ECAC (WP/9 AND WP/13), URUGUAY FOR LACAC (WP/27), IATA (WP/5), IACA (WP/25), AACC (WP/29), AND WTO (WP/20 AND WP/21). GENERAL STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON PAPERS INTRODUCED WERE MADE BY NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, BUT THUS FAR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN BOGGED DOWN IN PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS DUE TO WEAK CHAIRMAN.

5. SECRETARIAT PREPARED WORKING PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE ON "QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE." U.S., CANADA AND OTHERS QUESTIONED ITS CONTENT, PARTICULARLY CONTENTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT PROBLEMS OF SCHEDULED CARRIERS ARE DUE MAINLY TO NON-SCHEDULED CARRIERS. U.S. ALSO MADE POINT THAT COMPETITION BETWEEN SCHEDULED AND NON-SCHEDULED SERVICES IS NOT A PROBLEM BUT AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. ON APRIL 18, COMMITTEE B WILL CONSIDER NEW LANGUAGE SUBMITTED BY (1) CANADA AND (2) BELGIUM, NORWAY AND POLAND. HARPER UNQUOTE VANCE

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